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SUBJECT: COMESA POSTPONES DECEMBER SUMMIT

[1](#)1. COMESA Assistant Secretary General for Programmes Stephen Karangizi confirmed November 14 that the December summit planned for Victoria Falls had been postponed, due to the lack of progress forming a Zimbabwean national unity government per the September agreement between ZANU-PF and MDC. Karangizi said the future date and venue of the summit had yet to be negotiated among the member states, but a lower level official noted the organization was aiming to re-schedule in mid-2009.

[1](#)2. Karangizi explained that the Intergovernmental Committee (PermSec level) meeting would be held in Lusaka December 1-3, with the Council of Ministers meeting to follow December 4-5, also in Lusaka. Only the heads of state/government summit had been postponed completely.

[1](#)3. Minimize considered.

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